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An improved standard of living brings a greater use of essential oils in perfumery and food flavouring. Their high price per pound makes them important cash crops for difficulty accessible areas.

Some of the steps necessary to establish a new source are:

(a) assessment of the market position for the oil;
(b) cultivation trials;
(c) evaluating the quality of the oil by scientific means and organoleptically;
(d) procuring a suitable distillation unit to deal with large scale production.

The importance of maintaining a uniformly high quality and steady supply of the oil is emphasised.

Two developments in African essential oils with which the Institute has been concerned viz., Reunion-type geranium oil in Kenya and Nindi oil in Northern Rhodesia, are outlined.

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